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SUBJ: BEGGARS IN PEKING?

1. PROVIDING INTERESTING CONTRAST TO PRC MYTHOLOGY ON THE NEW CHINA, USLO OFFICER WAS APPROACHED BY BEGGAR ON SEPTEMBER 9 WHILE CICYCLING WITH WIFE IN PEKING'S NORTHERN SUBURBS IN VICINITY OF HOU HAI ("BACK LAKE"). BEGGAR, SHABBILY-DRESSED WOMAN BEARING INFANT CHILD IN HER ARMS, SAID IN CHINESE THAT "THIS CHILD NEEDS FOOD TO EAT" AND STRETCHED OUT HAND. USLO OFFICER, NOTING NO BYSTANDERS PRESENT, GAVE HER A FEW FEN AND THEN HE AND WIFE PEDALLED OFF HASTILY TO AVOID POSSIBLE INCIDENT.

2. EPISODE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN STAGED, SINCE USLO OFFICER'S BICYCLING ROUTE WAS COMPLETELY RANDOM (HE WAS IN FACT LOOKING AT MAP WHEN BEGGAR APPROACHED). AREA WAS OFF WELL-BEATEN TOURIST PATHS. WE DOUBT THAT THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IN MORE CROWDED SECTIONS OF PEKING USUALLY FREQUENTED BY FOREIGNERS.
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